

CLAIMS

1. Cosmetic process for treating visible and/or tactile irregularities on human skin, comprising the steps consisting in:
- 5 (a) applying topically to the skin a composition comprising, in a physiologically acceptable medium, at least 20% by weight of urea,
- (b) leaving the composition in contact with the skin for a time of between 5 minutes and 6 hours, and
- 10 (c) removing the composition by rinsing.
2. Process according to Claim 1, characterized in that the composition is left in contact with the skin, in step (b), for a time of between 5 minutes and 30 minutes.
- 15 3. Process according to Claim 1 or 2, characterized in that the composition contains from 20% to 50% by weight of urea.
4. Process according to any one of Claims 1 to 3, characterized in that the composition contains a
- 20 continuous aqueous phase.
5. Process according to Claim 4, characterized in that the composition also contains at least one compound chosen from alcohols and polyols containing from 1 to 3 carbon atoms.
- 25 6. Process according to Claim 5, characterized in that the said compound is chosen from ethanol, isopropanol, glycerol and propylene glycol.

7. Process according to any one of Claims 4 to 6, characterized in that the composition also contains at least one thickener.

8. Process according to Claim 7, characterized in that the said thickener is chosen from xanthan gum, an optionally crosslinked acrylic acid homopolymer or copolymer, a polyacrylamide, an acrylamidomethylpropanesulphonic acid homopolymer or copolymer, and cellulose derivatives.

9. Process according to any one of Claims 1 to 8, characterized in that it also comprises a preliminary step of applying to the skin a composition containing, in a physiologically acceptable medium, from 0.5% to 10% by weight of urea, before performing step (a).

10. Process according to any one of Claims 1 to 9, characterized in that it also comprises an additional step of applying to the skin a composition containing, in a physiologically acceptable medium, from 0.5% to 10% by weight of urea, after performing step (c).

11. Process according to any one of Claims 1 to 10, characterized in that it is intended for attenuating wrinkles and fine lines and/or pigmentation marks and/or acne scars and/or for unblocking skin pores.

12. Process according to any one of Claims 1 to 11, characterized in that the composition is applied to the face and/or the neck and/or the neckline and/or the hands and/or the back.